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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Review of the Terms of Reference

1. On 24 April the Director of Central Intelligence signed a memorandum to the Chairman of the Watch Committee directing the Committee to undertake a review of its Terms of Reference. A copy of this memorandum is attached.

2. By decision of the Watch Committee on 24 April, the NIC has been directed to prepare a tentative first draft in the next week or two. The NIC would appreciate any initial suggestions the members of the Committee may have for incorporation in this tentative first draft, recognizing of course that the Committee members may prefer to reserve comment until a draft is available. If you have any suggestions or wish to discuss this matter further, please call me on Code 11, Ext.



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24 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman, Watch Committee of the USIB

SUBJECT : Review of the Terms of Reference of the Watch
Committee, DCID 1/5 of 7 March 1961

1. The Watch Committee is hereby directed to undertake a review of its Terms of Reference (DCID 1/5 of 7 March 1961) to insure that the intent of the USIB with respect to the Watch Committee's functions is clearly set forth.

2. It is the intent of the USIB that the function of the Watch Committee and its supporting staff, the National Indications Center, is (a) to maintain a continuing analysis of all indications of the possible intention of the Sino-Soviet Bloc to initiate aggressive action by regular or irregular armed forces, and (b) to render judgments thereon to the USIB periodically as appropriate.

3. It is not the intent of the USIB that these bodies perform the role of a tactical or operational alert center.

/s/ John A. McCone
John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence

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